

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2496  
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S E C R E T PHNOM PENH 8239

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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, CB  
SUBJECT: CHENG HENG ON THE IN TAM PROBLEM

REF: PHNOM PENH 8216

1. WE CALLED ON CHENG HENG ON THE IN TAM PROBLEM THIS AFTERNOON, FINDING HIM IN A MUCH MORE POSITIVE MOOD THAN GENERALLY. CHENG HENG CLEARLY GRASPS THE JEOPARDY TO THE REPUBLIC OF AN IN TAM PULLOUT. HE ALSO MUST BE SENSITIVE TO THE AFFECTS ON HIS OWN POLITICAL FUTURE OF AN IN TAM WITHDRAWAL FROM AND EVENTUAL COLLAPSE OF THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL.

2. CHENG HENG TOLD US THAT HE HAD TRIED TO TALK HIM OUT OF HIS DOUBLE RESIGNATION LAST NIGHT, AND WOULD TRY AGAIN. MEANWHILE WE AGREED:

(A) THAT CHANG HENG WOULD CONTACT THE HEADS OF THE TWO BUDDHIST ORDERS AND HAVE THEM APPROACH IN TAM TO STAY ON;

(B) THAT WE WOULD HET HANG THUN HAK TO APPROACH  
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IN TAM IN HIS QUALITY AS HEAD OF THE SOCIO-REPUBLICAN PARTY; AND

(C) THAT WE WOULD CONCERT AFTER WITH SOCIAL ACTION

AND REFUGEE MINISTER LOEUNG NAL, IN TAM'S  
LONGTIME FRIEND WHO WE ARE CONVINCED WILL  
ATTEMPT TO KEEP HIM IN THE CABINET.

3. CHENG HENG NOTED THAT IN TAM HAD SAID THAT HE WOULD  
PLEAD ILLNESS IN RESIGNING, AND WITHDRAW TO A HOSPITAL.  
THIS WOULD BE A SATISFACTORY COVER, BUT THE PSYCHOLOGICAL  
EFFECT OF HIS WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE UNDENIABLE.  
SWANK

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